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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN  
MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE RICHARD W. STANFORD, JR.

On April 12, 2011, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Richard W. Stanford, Jr., a judge of the Orange County Superior Court. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Fourth District Court of Appeal at 601 West Santa Ana Blvd. in Santa Ana, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern Commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Hon. Maria P. Rivera, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four; Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Superior Court of Glenn County; and Hon. Jacqueline A. Connor, Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Senior Assistant Attorney General Gary Schons has been designated as examiner. Judge Stanford is represented by attorney Paul S. Meyer, of Costa Mesa, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Hon. Judith D. McConnell of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District in San Diego, California.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web page at [www.cjp.ca.gov](http://www.cjp.ca.gov).